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GENEVA FOR PHELAN
SEOUL AND TAIPEI FOR MICHAEL SMITH

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: TEXTILE AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 183179

1. WE PROVIDED TEXT OF PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF NOTES IN
REFTEL TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) AND DEPUTY
MINISTER VALDEPENAS' OFFICE ON JULY 20. WE HAVE NOW
RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPLY DATED JULY 28 FROM MFA.
BEGIN QUOTE:

THIS REFERS TO YOUR TELEX REQUESTING FOR AMENDMENT
OF THE DEFINITION OF THE PHILIPPINE ITEMS (NO. 5) WHERE-
IN YOU ARE PROPOSING TO DELETE "HAND CROCHETED GARMENTS,
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SHAWLS, HATS AND ACCESORIES INCLUDING THE ..."

WE WOULD LIKE TO RETAIN THE WORDING OF THE PHILIPPINE
ITEMS AS IN OUR LETTER OF JULY 1, 1976 REGARDING THE
ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH IS A SUPPLEMENT TO
THE 1975 AGREEMENT, BASED ON THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1) THAT THE US GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF COTTAGE INDUSTRY TO THE ECONOMY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES (GOP);

2) THAT THE PHILIPPINES HAS EXPORTED THE ABOVE ITEMS EX-QUOTA SINCE 1975.

GOP IS ALSO REQUESTING FOR RETENTION OF PARA 7(B) OF THE OLD AGREEMENT WHERE US GOVERNMENT GIVES MORE LENIENT TREATMENT ON TRADITIONAL (T) CATEGORIES UNDER CL AND DCL DUE TO THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1) TRADITIONAL ITEMS ARE BEING SUBCONTRACTED TO THE RURAL AREAS WHERE THE COTTAGE INDUSTRIES ARE LOCATED.

2) IN THE MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING INITIALLED IN BAGUIO CITY LAST MAY 31, 1978, IT WAS AGREED THAT WHAT WE ALREADY GAINED IN THE OLD AGREEMENT, WE SHOULD NOT LOSE UNDER THE NEW ONE; AND

3) IN THE NEW AGREEMENT, WE HAVE ALREADY GIVEN UP FLEXIBILITY, CARRYOVER AND CARRY FORWARD.

WE HOPE THAT THE US GOVERNMENT GIVE THIS REQUEST ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. IT WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED IF WE COULD GET PROMPT RESPONSE ON THE MATTER SO THE EXCHANGE OF NOTE MAY BE DONE FORTHWITH. END QUOTE.
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2. COPIES OF MFA LETTER BEING POUCHED TO COMMERCE AND STATE.

3. APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPLY. MURPHY

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